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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral James S. Gracey, USCG
Commandant, United States Coast Guard

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support to Narcotics Interdiction

1. Initial efforts have demonstrated that the Intelligence Community is capable of providing considerable, unique support to the interdiction of illegal narcotics imports into the United States. While illegal importation of narcotics is indeed a threat to our national interests, it is not the type of threat with which the Intelligence Community is used to dealing. Valuable initiatives have already been made, but further Community-wide coordination may be necessary to identify and develop the assets that can be brought to bear on the narcotics problem and to employ those assets effectively and efficiently. Equally important is sufficient coordination between the Intelligence Community and other elements of government to facilitate the sharing of information, to see that Intelligence Community support is tailored to consumer needs, and to ensure that all Community actions are within legal guidelines. [ ] 25X1

2. I have asked my Deputy, Eloise R. Page, to undertake this coordination role. In the near future, she will convene a meeting of senior officials with responsibilities related to narcotics intelligence from each organization concerned. The purpose of this session will be to identify specific areas where additional coordination is required and to establish the mechanisms to accomplish it. Miss Page will be responsible for facilitating coordination on narcotics intelligence matters to the extent required, and for as long as required, until new procedures and relationships are regularized. Let me emphasize that this undertaking is not intended to inhibit or complicate the several new interagency relationships which have already been established. [ ] 25X1

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3. Your support in this coordination effort will have an important bearing on the nation's success in dealing with the illegal narcotics problem. [redacted] 25X1

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